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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 February 2004.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office action is in response to Applicant's amendment, filed on 2/16/2004.
2. Claims 1-12 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
4. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA) and Caputo et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,778,071) in view of Hayosh (U.S. Pat. No. 6,212,504).

As per claims 1-10, and 12 AAPA substantially discloses a transaction terminals that are utilized in a variety of environments, such as retail establishments, automatic teller machines, gas pump payment terminals, and the like, comprising:

comparing a data entry prompt for entry of data into the transaction terminal to prompts in a secure prompt table (see., fig 1, pages 2-4);

determining that the data entry prompt is a secure prompt upon the occurrence of any of the conditions of: the data entry prompt matching at least one the prompts in the secure prompt table (see., fig 1, pages 2-4, secure prompt or PIN);

transmitting the data entered into the transaction terminal in response to the data entry prompt (see., fig 1, pages 2-4);

the data entry prompt matching at least one of the prompts in the secure prompt table (see., fig 1, pages 2-4, PIN).

It is to be noted that AAPA fails to explicitly disclose that the data entry prompt matching only a portion of any of the secure prompts (portion of any of secure prompts or private/public keys), and a clear text data (text data or encryption). However, Caputo discloses a digital algorithm (algorithm or plain text data) that includes a private/public keys or portion of the secure prompts see., figs 5b, and 6, col 10, lines 51-67, col 12, lines 58-67, col 14, lines 23-51.

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teaching of AAPA by including the limitations detailed above as taught by Caputo because this would prevent unauthorized access to the system using encryption algorithm.

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Based on the Applicant's response filed on 2/16/2004, Applicant argues that Caputo fails to disclose that the transmission of data as clear text data. The newly found prior art (Hayosh) discloses a digital signature with a clear text data (see., abstract, col 1, lines 52-65, col 13, lines 30-44). It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the teaching of AAPA and Caputo by including the limitations detailed above as taught by Hayosh because this would produce a digital signature using clear text data (or encryption).

As per claim 11, AAPA discloses the claimed method wherein the data entry device comprises a personal identification number entry device (see., fig 1, pages 2-4).

RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS

5. Applicant's arguments filed on 2/16/2004 have been fully considered but they are moot in view of new ground (s) of rejection.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pierre E. Elisca whose telephone number is 703 305-3987. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 to 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 703 305-9769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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